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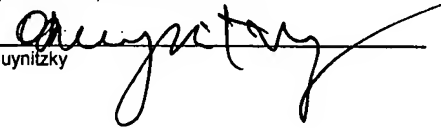
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Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment Transmittal Form with Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (2 pages);
2. An Amendment B (25 pages);
3. Notice of Appeal (1 page);
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